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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 19, 2003

Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to an Office Action mailed on November 19, 2003 the period for response to end February 19, 2004. A request for a three month extension of time for response is included herewith to extend the period for response to May 19, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any requisite fees associated with this response from account number **21-071**. Reconsideration is requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Specification are reflected on page 2 through 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper. Claims 1-20, 23-32 (renumbered) and 34-48 (renumbered) are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-20 and 35-46 (renumbered) is/are withdrawn as directed to a non-elected invention and will be pursued in divisional applications. All claims under consideration currently stand rejected.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.